

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 600 golfers participate in THE OPTIMIST.

July 14-19, 2023 Boys 10-11, 12-13 and Girls 10-12
July 19-24, 2023 Boys 14-15 and Girls 13-14
July 24-29, 2023 Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18

Age Divisions

Boys 10-11

Ages 10 & 11 as of July 18, 2023

Boys 12-13

Ages 12 & 13 as of July 18, 2023

Boys 14-15

Ages 14 & 15 as of July 23, 2023

Boys 16-18

Ages 16 -18 as of July 28, 2023

Girls 10-12

Ages 10, 11 & 12 as of July 18, 2023

Girls 13-14

Ages 13 & 14 as of July 23, 2023

Girls 15-18

Ages 15 - 18 as of July 28, 2023

Player Eligibility and Age Verification

To be eligible, golfers may not have already attended college. Golfers who qualify **will be required** to submit a copy of their birth certificate, drivers license, baptismal record or passport.

How to Qualify

In order to play in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship, golfers must meet one of the following qualifying methods:

- *District Qualifying Tournaments: Optimist Districts conduct official qualifying tournaments. These events are organized by Optimist volunteers and are overseen by a District Chairperson. A limited number of golfers in each division qualify for the Championship. To view a list of qualifying tournaments and more details, go to www.optimist.org/golf. Contact the District Chairperson listed for qualifying tournament details, application information and questions.*
- *Exemptions: Optimist International offers a limited number of exemptions into the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship.*
- *International Golfers: Optimist International has relationships with several national governing bodies. Visit website for a list of national governing bodies.*

For a complete list of exemptions and International Organizations visit: www.optimist.org/golf.

Tournament Format

Boy 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-18 and Girls 10-12, 13-14, 15-18: Competition is a 54-hole stroke play tournament.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For a detailed schedule of events, go to www.optimist.org/golf

Boys 10-11, 12-13 & Girls 10-12

Thursday, July 14	Arrivals and tournament registration
Friday, July 15	Practice Round and Orientation
Saturday, July 16	Tournament Play - Round 1
Sunday, July 17	Tournament Play - Round 2
Monday, July 18	Tournament Play - Round 3
	Awards Ceremony
Tuesday, July 19	Departures / Parent Child Tournament

Boys 14-15 & Girls 13-14

Tuesday, July 19	Arrivals and tournament registration
Wednesday, July 20	Practice Round and Orientation
Thursday, July 21	Tournament Play - Round 1
Friday, July 22	Tournament Play - Round 2
Saturday, July 23	Tournament Play - Round 3
	Awards Ceremony
Sunday, July 24	Departures / Parent Child Tournament

Boys 16-18; Girls 15-18

Sunday, July 24	Arrivals and tournament registration
Monday, July 25	Practice rounds and Orientation
Tuesday, July 26	Tournament Play - Round 1
Wednesday, July 27	Tournament Play - Round 2
Thursday, July 28	Tournament Play - Round 3
	Awards Ceremony
Thursday, July 29	Departures

Rules and Regulations

The championship will be played in accordance with all USGA and local course rules. Local rules will be covered at player orientation (**which is mandatory**). All participants are responsible for following the Optimist Golf Code of Conduct, which is available at www.optimist.org/golf and will be sent to all accepted golfers. A spectator code of conduct will also be in effect for all non-participants.

Rankings

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship is included in the *Junior Golf Scoreboard*, *Golfweek* and *World Amateur* junior rankings (16-18 divisions only for *Golfweek* and *World Amateur* rankings).

The OPTIMIST is also included in the AJGA's "Performance Based Entry system". Top finishers in certain age divisions are eligible for AJGA exemptions or earn Junior All-Star exempt status. For more information, go to www.ajga.org.

Courses and Yardages

Golfers will play on the courses at Trump National Doral Resort and Spa as follows. Yardages are posted on website. Course assignments are **subject to change**.

Boys 10-11.....Gold Palm course

Boys 12-13.....Blue Monster course

Girls 10-12.....Red Tiger course

Boys 14-15.....Blue Monster and Gold Palm courses

Girls 13-14.....Red Tiger Course

Boys 16-18.....Blue Monster and Gold Palm courses

Girls 15-18.....Red Tiger and Gold Palm course

Courses may change depending on number of participants.

Carts, Pull Carts and Caddies

Electric carts and caddies are prohibited in all divisions. Spectator carts are **NOT** available—**NO EXCEPTIONS**. Parents may rent a electrical scooter from a local vendor.

Pull carts will be allowed in **ALL** age division. No battery operated carts allowed.

Distance Measuring Devices

Distance measuring devices are permitted. You may use these devices to measure distance only.

Financial Assistance

Each participating District may sponsor the first place winner in the Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18 divisions from their own District to the championship. Sponsorship includes the all-inclusive registration fee. If funds allow, Districts may pay winners of other divisions. If a junior golfer qualifies outside of his/her home District, we cannot guarantee the golfer's registration fees will be paid should they win the event. Restrictions apply. Check with your District Chairperson for details. Optimist Junior Golf Tour Events and Tournament of Champions do not qualify for financial assistance.

Championship Awards

For the international championship, trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division. In case of ties, there will be a sudden-death playoff for 1st place only. 2nd and 3rd place ties will be determined by a scorecard playoff. Trophies will also be awarded for the lowest score on the last day of play.

Optimist Parent-Child Classic

Parent-Child Tournaments will be offered on July 19 and 24. It's open to two-player teams consisting of a junior golfer playing in the Championship. Competition is an 18-hole stroke play event played on the Blue Monster (no handicaps). The entry fee is \$230 US per team includes round (green/cart), Optimist gift package. Awards immediately following play. **Space is limited**.

Questions:

All questions should be directed to the Optimist Junior Golf office. Please e-mail golf@optimist.org or call (314) 881-1307 or toll free (800) 500-8130, ext. 207. Or, visit www.optimist.org/golf.

Accommodations and Registration

Trump National Doral Resort and Spa Miami, FL, USA is the location of the championship. All hotel registrations are handled through Optimist International. **DO NOT call Doral Resort and Spa directly to book reservations.**

REGISTRATION FEES NOTED BELOW INCLUDE

- Golf for the golfer (includes tournament rounds only)
- practice rounds must be booked and paid for by the individual player
- five (5) nights lodging for the golfer and all guests (see applicable prices),
- Five (5) breakfasts and four (4) dinners for the golfer and guests, (lunch on your own)
- access to all Optimist functions and special events for the golfer and guests.

Due to the exclusive nature of the event, **golfers are required to stay at Trump National Doral Resort and Spa Miami and pay the inclusive registration fee**. Guests are not required to stay at Trump National Doral Resort, but are encouraged to do so. A parent or guardian must stay with golfers ages 13 and under. No golfer age 13 and under will be permitted to stay in a room by themselves.

Family One-Room Options

Housed in appropriately sized rooms

Golfer & 1 Guest - \$1,510 US

Golfer & 2 Guests - \$1,798 US

Golfer & 3 Guests - \$2,086 US

Family Two-Room Options

Housed in 2 appropriately sized rooms

Golfer & 3 Guests - \$2,836 US

Golfer & 4 Guests - \$3,124 US

Golfer & 5 Guests - \$3,412 US

Golfer & 6 Guests - \$3,700 US

Golfers coming alone - \$730 US will be housed with roommate(s)

- If a family is requiring a third room, please contact Optimist Junior Golf
- Optimist Junior Golf reserves the right to house players and their guests at an offsite property should a need arise.
- **Rollaway beds and sofa sleepers will be utilized as necessary.**
- All District 1st place winners receive a \$60 discount from the listed prices.
- All golfers who register for the championship via an International application or at-large application must pay an additional surcharge.

Additional Room Nights

Additional nights may be available. Cost is \$150 (standard room) per night. Contact Optimist Junior Golf for details and reservations prior to making your travel arrangements. Availability is limited.

Meals

All registered golfers and guests will receive a meal badge valid for 5 breakfasts and 4 dinners. These meals will be served daily, buffet-style, at Trump National Doral. **Lunch is NOT included in the registration package**. Participants and guests are on their own for lunch.

Commuters

Optimist Junior Golf offers commuter status only to players who **reside and attend school in the Florida counties of Broward and Miami-Dade**. The registration fee is \$400. The 1st place District Winner discount does not apply to Commuters. The commuter fee includes tournament rounds and access to all Optimist functions and special events.